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FALCIPARUM BEARING EPITOPES )  
CAPABLE OF STIMULATING THE T )  
LYMPHOCYTES )

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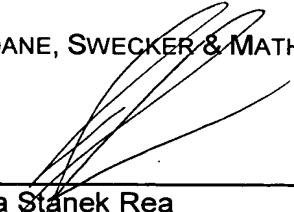
Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of a first Official Action on the merits with regard to the above-identified application.

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